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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please the claims, as follows:

1. to 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method of supplying liquid to be applied by a liquid applicator having a liquid ejection section, from a liquid supply member arranged in a liquid supply section to said liquid ejection section, using a mechanism for sucking and delivering said liquid.

said liquid ejection section having a plurality of sets of a liquid ejecting nozzle, a liquid containing section communicating with the liquid ejecting nozzle and a supply port for supplying liquid to the liquid containing section,

said liquid supply member and/or said liquid ejection section being provided with an information recording body storing information, and wherein said liquid supply member comprises a well plate depot for receiving a plurality of well plates, each carrying a plurality of wells formed therein, that can store different types of liquid and each of the members is provided with an information recording body containing at least information ~~indicating that it is a liquid supplying side,~~ information specifying a region for the liquid containing sections and information indicating ~~the~~ a time limit of use and ~~the~~ an authorized number of times of supply of said liquid contained in said liquid supply member, said method comprising:

reading said information; and

using said mechanism to supply said supplying liquid to be applied from said liquid supply member to said liquid containing sections by way of said supply ports according to said information.

7. to 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A liquid applicator comprising:

a liquid ejection section having a plurality of sets of a liquid ejecting nozzle adapted to eject liquid onto a medium, a liquid containing section communicating with the liquid ejecting nozzle and a supply port for supplying liquid to the liquid containing section;

a liquid supply section having a liquid supply member arranged therein to store liquid to be applied and a mechanism for sucking and delivering said liquid adapted to supply said liquid to said liquid containing sections by way of the supply ports;

an information recording body arranged at the liquid ejection section and/or the liquid supply member of the liquid supply section; and

an information reading device adapted to read information recorded in the information recording body,

wherein said liquid supply member comprises a well plate depot for receiving a plurality of well plates, each carrying a plurality of wells formed therein, that can store different types of liquid and each of the members is provided with an information recording body containing at least information ~~indicating that it is a liquid supplying side;~~ information specifying a region for the liquid containing sections and information indicating ~~the a~~ time limit of use and ~~the an~~ authorized number of times of supply of said liquid contained in said liquid supply member.

19. (Original) An applicator according to claim 18, further comprising a memory section storing the number of times of liquid supply of each of said wells of said well plates.

20. to 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of supplying liquid to be applied by a liquid applicator having a liquid ejection section, from a liquid supply section to said liquid ejection section, using a mechanism for sucking and delivering said liquid.

said liquid ejection section having a plurality of sets of at least a liquid ejecting nozzle; a liquid containing section communicating with the liquid ejecting nozzle and a supply port for supplying liquid to the liquid containing section,

said liquid supply section having a plurality of holding sections for holding different types of liquid and an information recording body storing information,

said information recording body being provided with information relating to at least information indicating ~~that it is a liquid supplying side, information specifying a~~ region of the liquid ejection section, and information indicating ~~the~~ a time limit of use and ~~the an~~ authorized number of times of supply of said liquid contained in said liquid supply section,

said method comprising:

reading said information; and

using said mechanism to supply said supplying liquid to be applied from said liquid supply section to said liquid ejection section by way of said supply ports according to said information.